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1. OVINNIKOV, REPRESENTING SOVIETS IN SC IN ABSENCE AMBASSADOR MALIK, APPROACHED AMBASSADOR BENNETT EVENING JULY 17 IN WHAT SEEMED TO BE GENUINE PERPLEXITY AS TO HOW TO PROCEED IN SC ON UNEF EXTENSION. HE SAID HE HAD NOTED U.S. HAD NOT SPOKEN IN THAT AFTERNOON'S INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS (HE HIMSELF HAD ASKED TO SPEAK FIRST AND HAD DELIVERED SOME STANDARD SOVIET BOILERPLATE) AND OVINNIKOV WONDERED HOW WE SAW SITUATION AND WHAT WE

THOUGHT COUNCIL COULD DO NEXT. BENNETT TOOK POSITION IT WAS IMPORTANT TO GET SOME CLARIFICATION ON WHAT EGYPTIANS HAD MEANT IN THEIR SEVERAL STATEMENTS AS TO UNEF FUTURE. UNTIL WE UNDERSTOOD EGYPTIAN VIEWS MORE CLEARLY, WE SHOULD NOT RUSH AHEAD IN SECURITY COUNCIL.

2. COMMENT: FOR ONCE USUAL ACTIVIST OVINNIKOV SEEMED UNCERTAIN ON NEXT MOVE. IN THAT CONNECTION, WE NOTE AMBASSADOR MALIK'S SCHEDULED RETURN TO NEW YORK OVER COMING WEEKEND.
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